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BOTH SIDES ARE STANDING FIRM

Anthracite Conference Adjourns Until Thursday.

TIE-UP IN FIELDS IS NOW COMPLETE

Governor Pennypacker Sends Message to Baer and Mitchell. Dolan Causes Trouble at Convention—Work Partially Resumed in Bituminous Section.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 3.—The sub-committees representing the anthracite operators and the mine workers of Eastern Pennsylvania, held their first joint meeting here to-day, and after nearly a three-hour session, adjourned until 1 P. M. Thursday without coming to an agreement. Each side to the controversy has refused to make the slightest concession, and the whole question apparently is as far from solution as it was before to-day's conference began. In the meantime the tie-up of the anthracite industry remains as complete as it was yesterday, without indication that a resumption of mining will occur very soon.

Notwithstanding the fruitless session and the apparently hopeless deadlock between workmen and their employers, rumors are still current that a way will be found that will enable the operators and miners to stand on common ground and settle their differences.

Statement Issued. After the conference, the following statement was given out by a representative of the operators:

"The conference began at noon, with President E. B. Thomas, of the Lehigh Valley Company, in the chair. Mr. Mitchell made a long speech, dealing with the question of the original demands of the miners ought to be granted. He was followed by Mr. Nichols, president of the Lackawanna-Wyoming district of the miners' union, who supported Mr. Mitchell's argument. There were other speeches by the representatives of the miners. In fact, that side did nearly all the talking.

"There was no disposition on either side to recede from its original position or to accept any modification of the original demands. Mr. Mitchell's attitude indicated that the counter proposition submitted by the operators for a renewal of the working agreement drawn by the Anthracite Strike Commission, was not acceptable to the miners.

"On motion of Mr. Mitchell the conference adjourned until Thursday. The entire situation remains the same as before. The tie-up of the anthracite industry remains as complete as it was yesterday, without indication that a resumption of mining will occur very soon.

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Returning to Work. Reports received from the anthracite fields during the day, according to the labor leaders, were satisfactory to them. There were no breaks reported in the ranks of the mine workers and none expected. Mr. Mitchell, discussing the situation in the bituminous fields, said he had received a large number of telegrams during the day, from the soft-coal field, that satisfied him that affairs in that region are working themselves out just as he had anticipated. Thousands of such telegrams returned to work to-day under the scale of 1903, which gives them an increase of 5.55 cents over the wages received during the last two years.

THINK SUSPENSION ONLY TEMPORARY

Situation in Hard Coal Region Practically Unchanged Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 3.—Information concerning the meeting in New York, between the miners and operators, was eagerly sought to-day by the idle workmen in the hard coal region. Definite results were not expected from to-day's meeting and there was no disappointment when it was learned that the conference adjourned until Thursday.

Throughout the region, a feeling that the suspension of work will be only



THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGG.

WOULD RECONVENE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Russian Government Presents Proposal for Conference Early in July.

ECHO FROM THE RECENT WAR

Reference in Programme to Regulation for "Opening" Hostilities—Other Suggestions.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Unexpectedly the Russian government to-day made another movement toward the reconvening of the Hague conference, when Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, presented to Secretary Root a proposal for the convention of the conference at the Hague early in July and indicated that the Netherlands government had assented to the proposal.

The fact that they have agreed makes it probable that the other signatory powers to the original Hague convention which have accepted the invitation to attend the next conference will agree to the proposed date.

Russian Programme. The first paragraph of the Russian programme is regarded as tending toward this restriction, in that it makes it easier for powers to engage in mediation or arbitration, and in consequence, enables a majority of the powers to force a settlement upon the powers who refuse to accept mediation or arbitration.

A suggestion relative to the recognition of private property rights in shipping and cargoes will find ready favor with the State Department, for this government has been foremost in advocating this for many years.

The Russian programme provides that all political questions shall be excluded from the conference. It provides for amelioration of provisions of the convention concerning the settlement of international controversies so far as the court of arbitration and the investigation committees are concerned; additions to the laws and usages of land warfare among others, opening of hostilities, rights of neutrals on land, declarations of 1860—renewal of one of them.

Naval Warfare. A compilation of a convention regarding the laws and usages of naval warfare, which would provide, such as bombardment of forts by naval forces, location of torpedoes, change of merchant vessels into warships, private property of belligerents at sea, thus allowed merchant vessels to leave neutral or hostile ports after the beginning of hostilities, rights

VIRGINIA MAN SHOT IN CHICAGO STREETS

Said to Have Attempted to Rob Henry Seaman—Fatally Wounded.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, April 3.—James Clyne, 21 years old, said to be of a wealthy family of Portsmouth, Va., was shot and fatally wounded to-day on the street by a man, it is claimed, he and two companions attempted to rob, and was taken to the Emergency Hospital. One of his companions was arrested.

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WOMAN ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

(By Associated Press.) ST. GEORGE'S, S. C., April 3.—Mrs. Nora Bivens, wife of Senator Bivens, of Dorchester county, was tried and acquitted in the Dorchester Court to-day of the charge of murder. Last fall a peddler named Greenbaum entered Mrs. Bivens's room, and refused to leave when two neighbors sought to eject him, saying good night. Mrs. Bivens drew a revolver from her person and shot him dead. Mrs. Bivens stated that Greenbaum and another man were in her room and were trying to get her to run away with him.

Term of Howard Begins. (By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 3.—James B. Howard, who was in jail here pending the disposition of his case by the United States Supreme Court to-day was taken to Frankfort to begin his term of life imprisonment, which he received for the murder of William Goebel.

Three Prisoners Escape. (By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., April 3.—There was a jail delivery at Bluefield, W. Va., last night, when three prisoners made good their escape. Among those who got away were L. G. Burton, wanted at Spokane, Wash., for assaulting a rural free mail carrier. He was being held for the postoffice authorities.

Panic Among Jews. (By Associated Press.) OREL, RUSSIA, April 3.—There is a veritable panic among the Jews here in account of the free circulation of proclamations which seemingly were printed in prominent printing offices, and which invite to anti-Semitic outrages. The authorities, which have been the strongest measures to prevent disorders.

Democrats Win. (By Associated Press.) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 3.—Democrats made almost a clean sweep at the city elections held here to-day.

Day in Springfield. (By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—In Springfield the Democrats elected the mayor, dividing the other offices with the Republicans. At Butler the entire Democratic ticket was elected. In Aurora the Democrats and Republicans divided the offices. The Democrats elected all of their ticket except one alderman at Fulton.

Whist Players ARE GAMBLERS

Georgia Jurist Instructs Jury to Indict People Who Play For Prizes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DALTON, Ga., April 3.—"A lot of women playing euchre or bridge whist for a prize are just as much gamblers as a crowd of negroes shooting craps in a back alley," declared Judge A. W. Henry Semmes, who presided over a jury to indict society people who are members of bridge and euchre clubs at the meeting of which presided the winner.

Judge Pio takes sharp issue with Judge Adams, of Savannah, who had declared that a judge who would declare playing for prizes gambling was no jurist.

Governor Assassinated. MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, Monday, April 2.—General Gilberto Escobar, governor of Managua, was assassinated in the streets of that place Sunday. The assassin was captured.

LOW COAL RATES NOT COMING NOW

Agitation of Pennsylv's Control of Virginia System Will Prevent Proposed Reduction.

BIG ITEM WITH LARGE PLANTS

Difference Would Amount in Case of One Concern to as Much as \$20,000.

"The railway companies serving Richmond have had under consideration for some months the policy of establishing rates on coal used by the larger manufacturing plants on a lower basis than those now in effect, and it was confidently expected that the suggested reduction would become effective early this month. It is scarcely probable, now that the matter has been introduced in the United States Senate, that anything will be done in the near future, as the rate now charged can be defended as fair and equitable, considering the distance from the coal mines to Richmond."

This extract from a statement printed in yesterday's Times-Dispatch, in connection with the charges of discrimination against Richmond by the Norfolk and Western and Chesapeake and Ohio Railways, in the matter of freight rates on coal, is more significant than most people who read it realized.

The failure of the railroad companies named to grant the reduction in coal rates that had been urged by the managers of large manufacturing plants here, and which it was expected would become effective early this month, means that these plants will continue to pay out large sums of money in freight which they would have saved. And this is due, as explained in the extract quoted, to the fact that the matter of alleged discrimination has been introduced in the United States Senate.

The present rate on coal from the New River and Pocahontas fields is \$1.60 per ton. Large Richmond manufacturers have, through conference with President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, been seeking a concession of twenty-five cents per ton, which would put them on an equal footing with Baltimore. But it has been pretty well settled now, as indicated by the extract reproduced above, that there will be no reduction in rates for the present. Whether this will come a little later, when the present agitation has passed, remains to be seen. The manufacturers are hopeful; the railroad people will not discuss the matter.

Letter of Mr. Williams. The letter of Mr. L. M. Williams to (Continued on Fifth Page.)

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair, slightly warmer, Wednesday; light south winds; Thursday, fair; colder.

North Carolina—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, fair; colder in the interior; light east to south winds.

Conditions Yesterday. Richmond's weather yesterday was clear and warm. The range of the thermometer was as follows:

9 A. M. 65 6 P. M. 57
12 M. 63 9 P. M. 48
3 P. M. 68 12 midnight 41
(Average, 56.)

Conditions in Important Cities. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place. Ther. High. T. Weather.
Augusta, Ga. 64 70 Clear
Atlanta, Ga. 64 70 Clear
Baltimore, Md. 62 68 Clear
Charlotte, N. C. 62 68 Clear
Chicago, Ill. 62 68 Cloudy
Cincinnati, O. 64 70 Clear
Jacksonville, Fla. 68 74 Clear
Norfolk, Va. 62 68 Clear
Philadelphia, Pa. 62 68 Clear
Raleigh, N. C. 62 68 Clear
Washington, D. C. 62 68 Clear
Yellow Stone 48 52 Clear

Miniature Almanac. April 3, 1906.
LUNAR TIDE.
Sun rises 5:52
Sun sets 6:31
Moon sets 2:06

MESSRS. BOUDAR SUBMIT REPORT

Expert Accountants Discovered No Evidence of Dishonesty.

OVER TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SHORT

Administrator is Requested to Pay Ten Thousand Dollars to County Treasurer—Other Books Badly Kept, But Nothing Found Wrong.

At the monthly meeting of the board of supervisors of Henrico county yesterday, Messrs. H. B. Boudar and Company, expert accountants, who audited the accounts of the late treasurer of the county, Walter J. Todd, turned in their report of the books of the commissioner of the revenue, the clerk of the court, and the treasurer.

In submitting the report to the board, Mr. Boudar prefaced its perusal with the remark that in accounting the books of the treasurer, he had not found a single false entry nor any apparent attempt to cover or hide irregularities in the handling of funds of that office.

He stated further that the shortage in the accounts was due to the fact that the late Walter J. Todd had handled the funds of the county treasurer as though they were his own, and it was purely a case of personal appropriation of the same funds, although he himself did not desire to say so in harsher terms than necessary.

Motion to accept the report was passed, and at the afternoon session, Mr. W. C. Saunders, of Glen Allen, offered the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the board of supervisors of Henrico county, That W. C. Todd, late treasurer of Henrico county, be and is hereby requested and authorized to pay to the treasurer of Henrico county the sum of \$10,000, to be credited on his liability to the county levy."

The report of Messrs. Boudar and Company is as follows:

Richmond, Va., April 3, 1906. The Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Va. We beg leave to report to your honorable body that we have examined and audited the books and reports of the Commissioner of the Revenue, the Clerk of the Court, and the Treasurer, said examination and audit covering the period from October 1, 1904, to March 3, 1906, inclusive.

Schedule A, folio 1, is a detailed list of clerical errors in the books of the Clerk of the Court, and show an overpayment by him to the Treasurer of fifty-five cents (\$55), and a warrant should be issued to him for the same and charged to the county levy. The Treasurer's books show for keeping his accounts with the county, and for the filing of records, is an excellent one.

Schedule B, folio 2 to 10, inclusive, contains in detail errors in addition and extension by the Commissioners of the Revenue in the tax assessment books for the years 1904 and 1905, and although very numerous, yet increased the total assessment only in the sum of \$7.25, as shown by the summary schedule C, folio 11.

These inaccuracies affected the Treasurer's reports, as he made his settlement for taxes, based on the commissioner's report.

These errors should be avoided, but due allowance must be made, as the way has been pointed out by the Commissioner of the Revenue, and the compensation of the commissioners will not justify them in employing extra help.

Schedule D shows the balances for county purposes in the hands of the Treasurer, both by his ledger and his reports, as follows:

In bank, \$27,000.00
In vault in office, cash, 2,109.12
Items, 2,313.85
Deficit in county fund, 2,313.85
Total, \$31,422.97

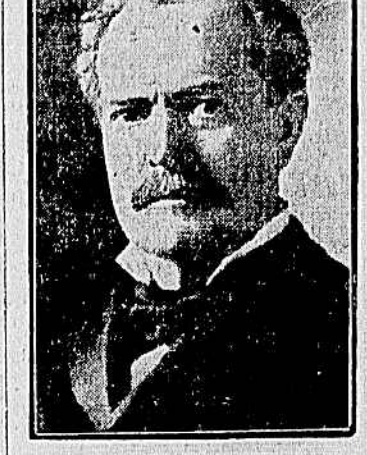
The Treasurer collected from the American National Bank, September 23, 1905, \$416.24, as interest on funds deposited in the Savings Department, said funds, to-wit: \$35,000, forming a part of that now in bank, as above, to the credit of the Treasurer, and the sum so collected into the treasury. If the county is entitled to this revenue for interest, the Treasurer's shortage would be \$25,109.12.

The State Auditor's report to March 24, 1906, now in the Treasurer's office, shows \$1,371.62 on taxes for the year 1904, with interest from June 15, 1904, and of \$2,317.75 on taxes for the year 1905, making a total shortage to the Commonwealth, county and schools of \$25,386.52.

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(Continued on Eighth Page.)

CHICAGO VOTERS FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP



MAYOR DUNNE, of Chicago. Central figure in great traction fight.



GOVERNOR JEFFERSON DAVIS, who has received the Democratic nomination for United States senator from Arkansas over Senator Berry.

City May Acquire Railways at Once But Not Operate Them.

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Dunne Declares That Vote is Victory, But is Disappointed at Restriction—Election Was Climax of Long and Spectacular Fight—Other Elections.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., April 3.—Under the result of the city election held to-day, in which the question of municipal ownership of the street railways was the vital issue, the city of Chicago has proceeded to acquire and control the railways, but cannot operate them. At the same time, the voters, while declaring that the city shall not proceed to operate the railroads, declared that as a question of public policy, it would be desirable for the city to do so.

Vote on Three Propositions. Three propositions were submitted to the voters, the first of which was: "Shall the city of Chicago proceed to operate street railways?" This proposition required sixty per cent. of the total vote cast in order to become effective. The total vote was 21,171. Of this number the proposition to proceed to the immediate operation of the street railways secured but 12,911 votes, 17,260 short of the necessary three-fifths.

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The third question, which was simply on the question of public policy and has no legal effect whatever, is "Shall the city council proceed without delay to secure the municipal ownership and operation of the street railways under the Muller law, instead of granting franchises to private companies?" This proposition was carried by 3,327 votes.

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WANT HALL IN JAIL FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Ministers Urge Henrico Supervisors to Make Provision For One.

The Rev. Dr. Moncreuf, representing the Episcopal Conference, and the Rev. Drs. Pollard and Williams, representing the Baptist Conference, appeared before the board of supervisors of Henrico county yesterday, asking for a change in the plans for the new county jail, so that an assembly room might be added for the purpose of holding religious services on Sunday.

The board was favorably impressed with the scheme, and seriously considered the proposition. They will, however, be unable to take definite action until the architect and contractors are consulted.

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